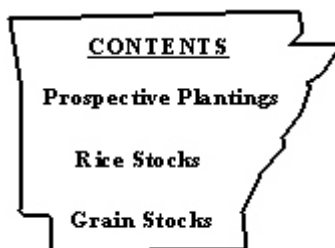


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This report contains the results from the *March Agriculture Survey* conducted during the first half of March 2005 for obtaining information on the 2005 crops planted and to be planted, rice stocks and grain stocks. The data for the past ten years are posted on our home page at the Internet address above and more detailed national report is available on the NASS web site at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire or telephone interview for the survey.

ARKANSAS 2005 PLANTING INTENTIONS

ARKANSAS farmers intend to plant less acres in corn and soybeans; while they plan to plant more acres in cotton, rice, and sorghum, according to the March 1, 2005 Prospective Planting Survey. Wheat acreage seeded last fall was down 64%. All hay intended for harvest was estimated at 1.30 million acres, down 8% from a year ago.

2005 PROSPECTIVE CROP PLANTING

	ACREAGE PLANTED			2005 as %
	2003	2004	2005 ¹	of 2004
	(1,000 Acres)			
ARKANSAS				
Corn, All	365	320	260	81
Cotton, All	980	910	980	108
Hay, All ²	1,340	1,420	1,300	92
Rice, All	1,466	1,561	1,571	101
Long Grain	1,300	1,405	1,460	104
Medium Grain	165	155	110	71
Short Grain	1	1	1	100
Sorghum, All	225	60	90	150
Soybeans for Beans	2,920	3,200	3,100	97
Wheat, All	700	670	240	36
UNITED STATES				
Corn, All	78,603	80,930	81,413	101
Cotton, All	13,479.6	13,658.6	13,815.0	101
Hay, All ²	63,383	61,916	62,940	102
Oats	4,597	4,085	4,267	104
Rice, All	3,022	3,347	3,358	100
Long Grain	2,332	2,587	2,681	104
Medium Grain	647	711	632	89
Short Grain	43	49	45	92
Sorghum, All	9,420	7,486	7,400	99
Soybeans for Beans	73,404	75,208	73,910	98
Wheat, All	62,141	59,674	58,592	98

¹Intended plantings in 2005 as indicated by reports from farmers.

²Intended acres for harvest

RICE STOCKS BY POSITION, BY STATES, MARCH 1, 2004-2005

STATE	TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	ON FARMS OR FARM WHSES.	IN MILLS AND ATTACHED WHSES.	IN WHSES. NOT ATTACHED TO MILLS	IN PORTS OR IN TRANSIT	TOTAL ALL POSITIONS
	2004	2005				2005
ROUGH RICE - 1,000 CWT.						
ARKANSAS	44,785	22,615	8,170	28,729	179	59,693
California	22,014	¹	2,232	26,862	¹	31,434
Louisiana	8,307	4,750	940	¹	¹	10,127
Mississippi	5,243	4,600	¹	¹	0	6,802
Missouri	¹	¹	¹	¹	¹	4,325
Texas	¹	1,380	665	4,288	42	6,375
Unallocated	7,491	4,245	683	8,031	345	0
United States	87,840	37,590	12,690	67,910	566	118,756
MILLED RICE - 1,000 CWT.						
ARKANSAS	1,558		1,303	¹	¹	1,515
California	3,141		735	0	1,396	2,131
Louisiana	797		¹	0	¹	¹
Mississippi	¹		¹	0	¹	¹
Missouri	¹		¹	0	0	¹
Texas	608		807	¹	¹	867
Unallocated	229		475	52	651	906
United States	6,627		3,320	52	2,047	5,419

¹Included in unallocated to avoid disclosing individual operations.

U.S. GRAIN AND SOYBEAN STOCKS, MARCH 1, 2004 AND MARCH 1, 2005

GRAIN	ON FARMS 2004	OFF FARMS ¹ 2004	TOTAL STOCKS ² 2004	ON FARMS 2005	OFF FARMS ¹ 2005	TOTAL STOCKS ² 2005	TOTAL 2005 AS % OF 2004
	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>			<i>Thousand Bushels</i>			<i>Percent</i>
<u>UNITED STATES</u>							
Soybeans	355,900	549,947	905,847	795,000	585,974	1,380,974	152
Wheat, all	257,890	762,727	1,020,617	304,710	676,304	981,014	96
Corn	3,030,000	2,241,459	5,271,459	4,137,000	2,616,738	6,753,738	128
Grain Sorghum	21,000	137,652	158,652	33,400	169,989	203,389	128
Oats	45,600	49,414	95,014	43,500	39,026	82,526	87

¹Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, processors and CCC-owned grain at bin sites.

²Off farm total plus farm stocks.